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SUBJECT: MEXICAN IPU DELEGATION LEADERSHIP ON US BRACERO TREATMENT

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1. IN A RARE PUBLIC PUT-DOWN, VICE PRESIDENT OF MEXICAN IPU DELEGATION LUIS DANTON RODRIGUEZ (SECOND RANKING CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES OFFICER) SAID APRIL 23 THAT LACKING INVESTIGATION AND SUBSTANTIATION, ACCUSATIONS OF EXPLOITATION OF MEXICAN WORKERS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE NO MORE THAN PERSONAL OPINIONS. HE ADDED THAT MEXICO HAS A "VERY COMPETENT" CONSULAR CORPS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THAT THEIR INVESTIGATIONS HAVE NOT PROVEN SUCH ACCUSATIONS. RODRIGUEZ WAS REFERRING TO DENUNCIATIONS MADE PREVIOUS DAY BY PRI FEDERAL DEPUTY MARIA DE LA PAZ BECERRIL DE BRUN (REF), ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT MENTION HER BY NAME.

2. RODRIGUEZ WENT ON TO SAY THAT RECENT BILATERAL INTER-PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE HAD "LEFT THE DOOR OPEN" FOR MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES TO CREATE A SPECIAL "JURIDICAL STATUS" FOR UNDOCUMENTED MEXICAN WORKERS WHICH WOULD REGULARIZE THEIR STATUS.

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3. ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL RODRIGUEZ TOLD EMBOFF THAT

BECERRIL'S STATEMENTS DID NOT REPRESENT VIEWS OF MEXICAN
DELEGATION, WHICH WAS EMBARRASSED BY HER OUTBURST. GOM
OFFICIALS FREQUENTLY APOLOGIZE PRIVATELY WHILE REMAINING
SILENT PUBLICLY ON SUCH OCCASIONS. RODRIGUEZ' PUBLIC
PUT-DOWN OF BECERRIL WAS AS UNUSUAL AS IT WAS REFRESHING.
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